

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Docket No: 240

As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

FIELD-ATTACHABLE CONNECTOR WITH SLIDING CONTACTS

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and we have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PCT/US03/05853 filed on February 26, 2003

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Registrations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/360,977 filed on March 1, 2002

I hereby appoint EMRICH & DITHMAR, and each and every member and associate thereof and patent agent therein, including Paul L. Brown (Reg. No. 27,184), James J. Hill (Reg. No. 24,287), Harry M. Levy (Reg. No. 24,248), and Thomas E. Hill (Reg. No. 28,955), as my attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, to complete the filing information above, when available, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Address all correspondence in respect to this application to: **James J. Hill, EMRICH & DITHMAR, 300 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60606, Telephone: (312) 663.9800, Facsimile: (312) 663-9800.**

I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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